



# TRESTLEBOARD

## VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Benjamin Hinderer, Worshipful Master

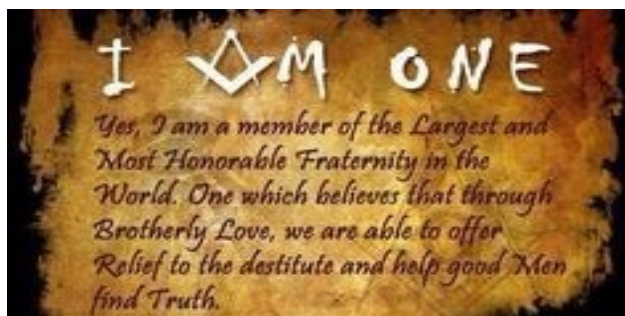
Greetings Brethren,

Many events have taken place over the last couple of months. This year's Pancake Breakfast was a huge success and I would like to give a shout out to our Marshal, Brother Mike Cooper, for his help in making the Second Annual First Responders and Veteran Pancake Breakfast a hit. We have also done a little degree work which turned out great and I am looking forward to seeing these Brothers continue with their work.

Grand Communication has come and gone. Our new Grand Master was successfully installed and has taken the reigns. RW Michael Dale, our new Deputy Grand Master, is yet one step closer to being our next Grand Master. Mark it on your calendar, the first weekend in June next year. I would like to see as many Yuma Brothers as we can get to show up for this historic occasion. Also, we have another Grand Line Officer with our own Very Reverent Antero Trujillo, the new Grand Chaplain.

I would also like to give a shout out to Sister Sabrina Arps the new Worthy Matron and our SW Douglas Arps, Jr. the new Worthy Patron of Yuma Chapter #14, Order of the Eastern Star. Sabrina also brought home another Trestle Board award for us this year; let's keep the ball rolling and secure another one next year. We also received the Master Builder award at Grand Communication this year. Next year I would like to bring home the Master Architect award. There are many outdoor degrees happening over the summer around the state. If you are a Master Mason and would like to attend one reach out to the local line officers. I'm sure at least one will be going to an outdoor degree.

Your Worshipful Master  
Benjamin Hinderer



### STATED MEETING

Second Thursday of each month,  
September through June

Dinner at 6:30pm

Meeting at 7:30pm

### REGULAR MEETINGS

Degree work most every  
Thursday at 7:00pm

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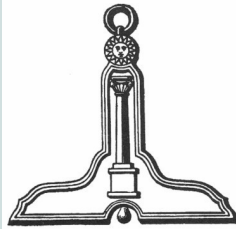
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## VIEW FROM THE WEST

Submitted by Douglas Arps, Jr.

Greetings from the West,

What another successful year at Grand Communications. I would like to congratulate RW Mike Dale, Deputy Grand Master, on another step in his Masonic career, and Very Reverent Grand Chaplain Doc Trujillo, and also WB Mike Kofta, our DDGL, and WB Tim Williams, our DDGM. We have a lot of purple in our Lodge this year!

A few weeks ago, OES had their installation of officers and yours truly is Worthy Patron of Yuma Chapter #14 and my lovely wife Sabrina is the Worthy Matron. Please send best wishes as we go through the next year, especially to Sabrina!

We are officially dark for the summer but that does not mean we can't go to the Lodge and hold practice or simply going somewhere and have some fellowship or maybe a family gathering. I would really like to see our Lodge try to stay as active as we can.

To my Brothers who need any help with their studies to advance in degrees or through their chairs, just reach out and we will do our best to help you advance. There are a few things coming up that I know of. First, on July 8th in Kingman, they will be doing a celebration of life for PGM Jeff Carlton. Also, on July 15th there is a Wii Bowling Tournament up in the Phoenix area that OES is putting on. The Bearded Ladies from Yuma Chapter will be going to defend their title. If more things come up in the future we will let you guys know.

Brotherly Love,  
Douglas Arps, Jr. "D.J."  
Senior Warden

### *When Are You a Mason?* By Wilbur D. Nesbit

When are you a Mason?  
When you go to Lodge  
If there is a meeting  
That you cannot dodge?  
When you wear your button?  
When still up you climb?  
The way to be a Mason  
Is to be one all the time.

When are you a Mason?  
When there's fun and feast,  
Or when you can bolster  
With a word at least  
Some poor devil's spirits!  
The real help you give.  
The way to be a Mason  
Is to be one as you live.

When are you a Mason?  
When some gossip spreads  
Of another Brother,  
Are you the one who heads  
Off the hurtful babble,  
And helps make things right?  
The way to be a Mason  
Is to be one day and night.

When are you a Mason?  
Brother, you and I  
Can make great the Order  
As the days go by,  
Through each word and action,  
Through each song and smile.  
The way to be a Mason  
Is to be one all the while!

## GREETINGS FROM THE SOUTH (continued)

Submitted by Brad Hamner

Fraternal Greetings from the South

As we approach and enter “darkness” for the summer, I would like to remind everyone to stay cool and stay hydrated! Enjoy your time with family and vacations if that is where this summer break takes you. We will still be fairly busy down at the Lodge with a few candidates, officer proficiencies, and practices if you would like to come down and participate. Most of the schedule will be sent out weekly on the WhatsApp; if you don’t have the app you can always check with WM Ben, Brother DJ, WB Mike Kofta, or myself and we can get ya up-to-date. Might sneak in a few nights of just fun fellowship in the mix as well. Also, if any Brother needs anything during the break, please don’t hesitate to reach out, one of us sure to be available. Take care, look forward to seeing you all soon.

Brad Hamner  
Junior Warden



## FROM THE SECRETARY’S TABLE

Submitted by WB Michael Kofta, PM

Brothers and Sisters,

Grand Lodge was a huge success for Masonry in Arizona! Congratulations to Past Grand Master Jim Baker for a successful year of leading Masonry in Arizona over the past year. Congratulations to our new MW Grand Master George Rusk and best wishes for a successful year as well. Lest we not forget, congratulations to our newly elected Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Michael A. Dale. Who could forget, our Very Reverent Brother Antero Trujillo. Congratulations on your appointment “Doc.” The results of the Grand Lodge legislation were read at our stated meeting in June. The legislation and budget approval went very quickly and smoothly at Grand Lodge again this year.


The Lodge received the Master Builder Award and the Trestle Board Award (again). Thank you very much to our Editor, the very talented and professional Sister Sabrina Arps. Also, Congratulations to you and Brother DJ for your elections as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron for Yuma Chapter #14 of the Order of the Eastern Star!

Congratulations to the many Brothers that we recognized in May for their numerous years in Masonry! Combined over 600 years. WOW! We are planning on recognizing more in the Fall.

Looking forward to continued visits to other Lodges and visiting Brethren from other Lodges to our own. There are Outdoor Degrees coming up in a hurry. You need to get signed up and registered and let others know that you are going so that we can carpool.

There is also the Celebration of Life for PGM Jeff Carlton in Kingman on July 8th. Grand Chapter for OES, Arizona Grand Session for York Rite, the

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Stated Meetings: Second Thursday at **7:30pm**  
(Dinner preceding the meeting at **6:30pm**)

Degree Work: Most every Thursday at **7:00pm**.

Trustees' Meetings: Monday prior to Stated Meeting at **6:00pm**.  
Lodge members welcome.

**York Rite Bodies**

Stated Meetings: First Monday at **7:30pm**.

Practice: Third Monday at **7:00pm**.

**Order of the Eastern Star**

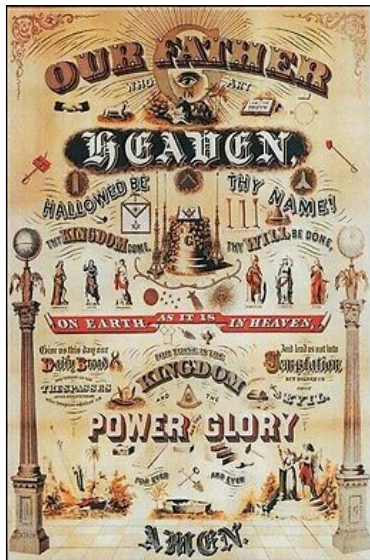
Meetings: Second and fourth Tuesdays at **7:00pm**.  
(Dinner preceding meetings at **6:00pm**.)

**Yuma Shrine Club**

Meetings: Second Mondays at **7:00pm**.



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## July 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4 <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	5	6 Flagstaff #7 OV (Flagstaff)	7	8 Memorial Service for PGM Jeff Carlton (Kingman)
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Wif Bowling Tournament (Paradise Valley Lodge)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**  
Degree Work – check with Line Officers  
Yuma Outdoor Degree – October

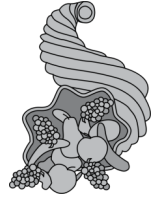
## August 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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			ARIZONA GRAND CHAPTER (Scottsdale)			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Cornfest – Shrine Temple (Phoenix)
27	2	29	30	31		



## THE FLAG

Submitted By Saleh Bahati, Senior Steward



Our great national emblem, Old Glory, is appropriately found in the Lodge where gather those who place the Flag second only to God with their Masonry coming next. Freemasonry ever has pledged its votaries to devotion to country and to unswerving, wholehearted loyalty to the national colors. Old red, white, and blue is the majestic symbol of free people and has been found leading those forces that have brought to other peoples the same freedom that we demand for ourselves. The flag of other nations has come and gone, and despots have dipped their flags to Old Glory, which goes on forever. Its defeat would mean the end of everything which Freemasonry teaches, defeat of everything that is good and pure and great and high and noble. So long as it flies, government of the people by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

Let us never forget how our forefathers gave us this Grand Old Flag, preserved to us by their children and by their children's children, grandest Flag of them all because of the traditions entwined within its folds.

*Reference: Bede, E. (n.d.). 3-5-7 minutes talks on freemasonry. Kissinger.*



## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Submitted By Antero "Doc" Trujillo, Chaplain, Very Reverent Grand Chaplain



The great prophets for eight centuries announced the coming of a Savior or a Messiah, among them stands out the incomparable Isaiah for the clarity of his predictions about the coming of the Savior. On this occasion we refer to the most recent of these prophets, John the Baptist, who preached on the banks of the Jordan river, in the middle of the desert. He achieved great popularity, led a hard life with fasting and privation. On his naked skin tanned by the sun, he wore a tunic, a knitted garment with camel skin in a sign of penance that he wished to impose on himself and his people.

John the Baptist imagined, according to the Jewish idea that the Messiah would soon come as an avenger and righteous warrior, raise up the people, expel the Romans, punish the guilty and then enter Jerusalem triumphantly and establish the Kingdom of Israel above all peoples, in peace and justice. He announced to the multitudes the coming of this Messiah and that it was necessary to prepare for it through repentance. Instituted Baptism in the Jordan River as a visible symbol of, and public realization of, inner purification. This new ceremony, this new preaching, was performed before immense crowds in front of the sacred waters of the Jordan. The immense crowd recalled the glorious days of the ancient prophets; giving the people what they could not find in the temple, they came from all parts of Palestine and even further afield to hear the Holy Man of the Desert proclaim the Messiah.

Jesus, who felt his divine vocation grow within him, but who was still looking for his way, also arrived in the Jordan desert. He wanted to see the Baptist, listen to him and be baptized publicly, he wanted to enter the scene with an act of humility and respect for the prophet. He saw the tough Ascetic man, standing in a wooden pulpit, under a rustic tabernacle covered with branches and goat skins. Around him was a large crowd. In a loud voice, John the Baptist addressed the crowds and said: "Amend your ways, straighten your paths to conform to the Word of the Lord. I baptize you only with water, but he will baptize you with fire."

John did not know Jesus, he knew nothing about him, but he recognized him by his linen tunic. He saw him, lost in the crowd, as he went down to the water that reached his waist and Jesus humbly reached to receive the sprinkling of water. When the neophyte raised his head, the eyes of the preacher and the Galilean met, the man of the desert shuddered under the wonderfully soft ray of Jesus' gaze, and these words involuntarily escaped him "YOU COULD BE THE MESSIAH".

From this point on, great events happened. It took a long time for people to understand that the Kingdom of Jesus was not of this world.



*The following is the address of the Grand Orator at a session of the  
2023 Grand Communications*

Most Worshipful Grand Master  
Right Worshipful Brethren  
Very Worshipful Brethren  
Worshipful Brethren, Lodge Officers  
Honorable and Worthy Brothers and Distinguished Guests From All Jurisdictions, Alike

My name is Antonio Lugo. I stand here each day as your Brother, and I am humbled and distinctively imbued with astonishment to be speaking to all of you at this very moment.

MW Brother Jim H. Baker has designated the article of his year in the Grand East to be Diversity. MW Brother Jim H. Baker's unifying exclamation for our Masonic year is the following statement, "Together we build, Celebrating the Diversity of Freemasons in Arizona." Our MW Brother clearly stated, "Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion and causes a true friendship to exist among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance."

As we are gathered here today, may we reflect on the ideas and thought processes that embrace the very concept of diversity. While most may surmise the archetype of Diversity is quintessentially based on nationality, let us entertain the reality of the conviction of diversity itself, particularly among our brethren. Diversity in Freemasonry relates to the structure and assembly of brethren from all walks of life, nationality, work experiences, and perspectives. These varying contributions, attitudes, outlooks, and standpoints on life compose wisdom with direct concern for guidance.

I state wisdom adamantly as we will utilize the pillars of our beautiful craft to guide us through this composition. Please listen with your hearts to how leadership leans on the teachings of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty as we proceed from this moment on and in the rest of our days, each one being our deity's gift.

Entertain this. You are seated next to a Brother with a unique personality and soul. Each of you sits next to a Brother whose ancestors may derive from a different part of the world than yours. We each view the world based on sociological, economic, and educational differences. You may be seated next to a Brother who has taken an oath to defend his country, and the freedoms allowed to us by being proud to stand by the flag of our nation and every nation represented here today. You may be seated next to a Brother who took an oath to run face forward into dangerous situations and ensure the safety of our communities. Brethren, who are skilled craftsmen, who can build a home from the architectural phases, and those who can build and fix cars to keep us traveling safely when embarking on our daily journeys, all references intended. You may be seated next to a Brother who has been raised a Master Mason for five years, and he is proudly seated next to a Master Mason of over fifty or more years. You also are among Brothers who are musicians, creatives, and authors, and find that creative, unifying, and collective consciousness that Carl Jung spoke upon, which not only frames us in character but also wishes to observe one another in a joyous realm, to build and work toward a common purpose.

Each day, performing the toilsome chore, of chipping away at the superfluities we own responsibility to recognize and remove. To fortify our souls, hearts, and minds as living stones, to strengthen our temple and every one of us, be that stone that fortifies that house, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

With fraternal courtesy, please grant scrutiny to estimate the preceding words. All of us are gathered in the unique craft of Freemasonry as fraters, cousins, sirs, sir knights, officers, companions, wardens, masters, and past masters, for all of the above, the one that stands above all, as Brothers.

When one calls this craft, this bond, this duty unique, keep in mind we are speaking about a distinctive, memorable, and one-of-a-kind bond between ourselves, our fellows, and that which we laid our hands on the volume of sacred law to uphold a promise, not only to each other, to the man we see in the mirror daily, yet ultimately to the ineffable, the grand architect.

We took upon ourselves a generous, chivalrous, and benevolent dedication when we knelt west of the altar and recited our obligations. We, as Freemasons, as Brothers, started a new life. This new beginning, this new endeavor, to take that which is inherently good, and subject ourselves to a remarkable transmutation of our souls, swearing to address our imperfections and pledging to help ourselves and others to make improvements. This vital and consequential promise or vow is equatable to the birth of a child. This child, this newfound us, reflects the work we are to nurture each waking day, hour, and minute. We would not allow a child on our watch to go hungry, so how could we, as already good men in heart, let our dedication to the deity go malnourished?

This voluntary venture of such an uphill task requires fortitude and fidelity. One may even venture to state strength. The strength to support requires courage, as critical decisions are to be made with time. Strength includes



the indispensable need for faith in our actions and decisions. Hence, we seek guidance not only in having the humility to uphold and maintain the attentive ear for wise counsel, but we give ourselves to have faith and seek the direction of the deity, to comfort our hearts and minds and grant us prudence, to be secure, retain hope and be open to the charitable counsel of our wise brethren and the voice of the deity within our soul.

What materializes as a result is the culmination of the hard work and efforts of brethren that have banded together to evolve toward a common goal and, with determination, diligence, and a prevalent cause, to create beautiful results. Beauty is exuded and represented by one or many moral and intellectual examples. The outside world sees these and what we hope to exude when we, as Freemasons, not only observe ourselves in the mirror but when our deeds, character, and actions are on display to the many lives we touch daily and the world around us.

Between our 2022 to 2023 Masonic year has ensued a beautiful synthesis of enduring Masonic labor and Brotherly love. Nine special communications occurred at the Free and Accepted Grand Lodge of Arizona. Both were conducted with joy and with reverence.

International relations were further solidified with the renewal of fraternal ties with the Grand Lodge of Del Pacifico Sonora. Outdoor degrees were conferred with an outstanding show of not only attendance but the participation of both the Blue Lodge and Grand Lodge officers working incredibly diligently concurrently, to provide the utmost memorable experience for our newly raised brethren to remember for the rest of their waking days.

Finally, many a proud Master Mason and Arizona Grand Lodge officers, as occurred one hundred years before, attended the one-hundredth anniversary of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, marching in unison alongside four thousand Freemasons—the largest gathering of Masons in our United States in the twenty-first century to date.

While we celebrated the craft and admired this experiment, our country, which encapsulates the search for human happiness as civil society at our first president's Masonic memorial, may we not forget the special Brothers who were beckoned to the celestial Lodge above. MW Brother Jeffrey S. Carlton, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in Arizona for 2012. Well regarded for his strict regard to character and upright nature of what is to be considered a Freemason and known for his ability to hold justice close and accurate to his heart. MW Brother Rex R. Hutchens, 33° Grand Cross, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in Arizona for the year 2006. Who's scholarly words have echoed through the craft of Freemasonry worldwide and back and helped many brethren discover the introspective and intrinsically valuable truths of many a degree close to their hearts.

May we also not forget the many Brothers who have journeyed to that undiscovered country from who is bourne, no traveler returns. One such example is Brother Virgil Johnston, who, upwards into his mid-90s, would happily and cheerfully give from his heart, a tremendous amount of his time to ensure other brethren who may be immobile or in not such excellent health, could attend Blue Lodge functions, appendant and concordant body events, and our Brother would always share a seat with a petitioner, to share stories about his adventures throughout a well-lived life, and how much the craft meant to him and how much he loved this beautiful art we now have a piece of in our hearts.

We are now traveling into the age of Servant Leadership. In this age, the cultivation of the future is now our ultimate responsibility to the craft to continue to sustain and enhance our journey while lending to the upliftment, cherishing, and fostering of the new and up-and-coming leaders of this art we love with honor and dignity. It is time for us to harbor duty to that which we observed with rose-colored glasses when we first knocked at the doors of this Brotherhood. The same teachings and lessons we've internalized and relied on for guidance in our lodges and lives, it is now time to impart and treat the craft as that beautiful child that requires our utmost nourishment and complete care.

Do we strive to rise above the envy of another? While we are free to make choices, relying on the teachings gifted to us to fulfill our duties. To assist one another. To defend those who require it. By serving the common good of all humankind, we nourish the heart, making a difference in the world and cleansing the purity of one's soul.

Brethren, it is with deep reverence, respect, and honor to serve you all, and may we all continue to cherish this gift and promise we share with our deity in this unique bond in Freemasonry. So mote it be.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Antonio L. Lugo, PM

Grand Orator (2022–2023)

Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Arizona



FROM THE SECRETARY'S TABLE (continued)

By WB Michael Kofta, PM



Colorado River Fall Festival for York Rite, Fall Ceremonial for Scottish Rite, information on these can be obtained through the local body Secretaries or Officers.

It is imperative that you keep your information in Grandview updated so that our Lodge member information is accurate and up-to-date. If you have any information that needs to be updated in our Lodge database or in Grandview and do not know how, please contact me so that I can update it. If you make any changes in Grandview, please let me know. Grandview is the future, so please log in and update your information.

\*\*\* Mark your calendars!!!! – You do not want to miss out on our Outdoor Degree on Saturday, October 14th. If you need a ride, please call a Brother near you or call me the week prior (not the night of) so that I can contact someone near you to assist in getting you to the location. We have the location, we have a candidate, now we need Brothers to step up and let the Worshipful Master or myself know where you would be willing to help. Set-up, teardown, meal or parts in the degree. There are still ten Brothers that need to pay their dues for 2023. September is coming fast!

Please stay on top of your ritual and proficiency work over the summer so that we can continue our stride in the fall. If you need any assistance in general, with practicing, or on proficiency, feel free to contact me.

Fraternally,  
Michael A. Kofta, PM  
Secretary  
DDGL, District 6

# STATED MEETING



Another great turnout for our May Stated Meeting! Lots of fun was had, but we did try to get serious to prepare for Grand Communications. 😊

Our June Stated Meeting was our last before going dark. We introduced and welcomed our new Grand Line Officers and Grand Appointments!



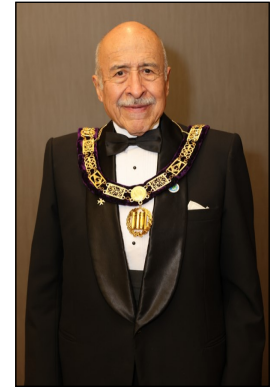


# GRAND COMMUNICATIONS

*Congratulations to our new Grand Master, Most Worshipful George Rusk*



Congratulations to Right Worshipful Michael Dale, who was elected Deputy Grand Master.



Congratulations to Brother Antero "Doc" Trujillo, who was appointed Grand Chaplain.



Congratulations to WB Mike Kofta, appointed as DDGL for District 6 (left) and WB Tim Williams, appointed as DDGM for District 6 (above).



It was another win for our Lodge, as we took home the Master Builder award and the Trestle Board Award for medium lodges!



Congratulations to all the newly elected and appointed Grand Officers for 2023–2024!

*Photos provided by Allen Nichols Photography and Brother DJ Arps*

# Community Service

## Bikes for Books



Another successful Bikes for Books campaign is in the books! We were able to give away ten bikes and helmets to some lucky students at Dateland Elementary School. This is a great program to encourage students to read. The kids love the chance to win a brand new bike and the Brothers love seeing their happy faces!

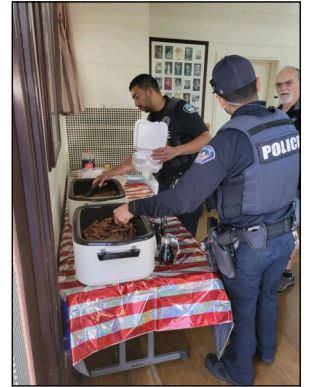


# Community Service

## Veterans and First Responders Breakfast



The Second Annual Veterans and First Responders Breakfast on May 13th was another success! We invited local veterans and first responders down to the Lodge to enjoy breakfast on us! Everyone from the Yuma Police Department, Yuma Sheriff's Office, and more came down for some good food and conversations. It's our way of giving back to the men and women who have fought for us and those who continue to do so and to show our appreciation for their service and sacrifice.



# Community Service Law Enforcement Memorial



The 46th Annual Law Enforcement Memorial event was held on May 15th. Our Lodge has attended the last several years to pass out water to everyone who attends. The Yuma Police Departments hosts this event every year to honor dedicated law enforcement personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice. We look forward to being a part of this event every year.

*Photos provided by Brother DJ Arps*

# Traveling Men



Several of our Brothers traveled up to Kingman for the annual Hualapai Outdoor Degree on May 20th. This year's event was a little different and more somber with the passing of PGM Jeff Carlton. His presence loomed large over Arizona Grand Lodge and was a valuable asset to all Brothers of Arizona Masonry, as well as our Sisters and Brothers of Arizona Eastern Star. MWB Jeff will be greatly missed.

Brothers DJ Arps and Mike Cooper, as well as Brother Grant Veile stepped up to help cook the steaks for lunch, a job normally done by MWB Jeff. It was an honor for them to be able to step in for him and there wasn't a full plate left!



## SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



Congratulations to Lane Hoefler and Anika Holloway for being the recipients of this year's Lodge scholarships! We hope this award helps you to reach your goals and achieve your dreams!



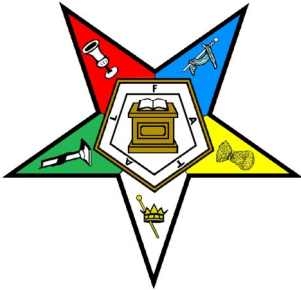
*Photos provided by Brothers DJ Arps and Ira Hearen, Jr.*

# YEARS OF SERVICE



Congrats to all these Brothers on their years dedicated to the Craft (in no particular order): Brother Perry Schuman 65 years; Brother Carl Greenwell 65 years; Brother Patrick Ferguson 60 years; Brother Jay Milstead 50 years; Brother Gary Stigall 50 years; Brother John Adams 50 years, also 50 years in Scottish Rite; RW Mike Dale 25 years; WB Quaid Smith 25 years; WB Tim Williams 25 years; WB Bob Dennis 25 years; Brother Russell Pool, Sr. 25 years; Brother Grant Veile 25 years; Brother Ira Hearen, Jr. 25 years; Brother Herbert Townsend 25 years; Brother Robert Sant 25 years; and Brother Fernando Balderrama 25 years.

That's 640 years in Masonry – congratulations Brothers!



## STAR IN THE EAST

By Ruth Wilmot, Secretary

Greetings Everyone,

We are at the beginning of another new year in Eastern Star!

On June 10th new officers for 2023–2024 were installed. Welcome to Worthy Matron Sabrina Arps and Worthy Patron DJ Arps. You are off

to a great start! Thanks to all the Brothers who came out in support and all the Sisters and Brothers that came from out of town to help out.



We have delivered items to Andale's Pantry and Andale's Closet at AWC this past month. We will be collecting for them throughout the summer. If anyone would like to donate, we have a box on the stage at the Lodge that you can leave your items in or you can contact Sister B.J. Dale or Sister Sabrina Arps. There will be students on the AWC campus all summer, so any little bit

will help! Andale's Pantry is always in need of individually-wrapped food items, toiletries, and basic kitchen items (can openers, forks, spoons, etc.) for the students, and Andale's Closet is always in need of sheets, pillowcases, etc. Thank you to all who have participated already.



We have started our own Facebook page, so look for us at Yuma Chapter #14, OES. We try to keep up with our events and have even connected with some former members that have moved away from Yuma.

Upcoming birthdays:

- JULY – B.J. Dale (9th); Carolyn Simson (12th); Johnnie Bowden (17th); Mary Godfrey (17th); Howard Whitmore (29th); Lou Strahm (31st)
- AUGUST – David Gillis (3rd), Margie Scheafer (4th), JC Reece (21st), Marlene Evans (30th)

Here are a few words from our Junior Past Worthy Matron and Junior Past Worthy Patron:

Mike and I want to thank our officers who served during the 2022–2023 term. We hope that you enjoyed the year and had as much fun as we did. With so many different commitments going on for Mike and I during our year, we could not have done it without each and every one of your help, contributions, and support. For all you did, we are TRULY grateful

To our Blue Lodge Brothers of Yuma #17, we cannot thank you enough for your show of support both in presence and monetarily. You helped our Chapter achieve so many of our goals with project donations within our community and other organizations within the state. This year my two main Worthy Matron Projects included AWC Andale's Pantry and Power Paws Service Dogs Organization out of Scottsdale. We have made sure that the organizations are aware of your support. We hope that you have also enjoyed the dinners that we have helped provide and serve. We look forward to continuing working with you.

Please always remember what a difference that you make. Our 2022–2023 Theme: Always Stay Humble and Kind.

Until next time, please keep all our ailing members in your thoughts and prayers. If you know someone who isn't feeling well, would appreciate a phone call or card, or may need assistance running errands, please call Worthy Matron Sabrina Arps at (928) 246–650 (or any Chapter member) to let her know. We miss seeing all of you and we hope to see everyone's smiling faces at our meetings. Eastern Star members are welcome to

## **YUMA CHAPTER NO. 14** **ORDER of the EASTERN STAR**

The meetings are held the SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAY of each month, September through June. All members are welcome. A light meal is served at 6:00pm, followed by our meeting promptly at 7:00pm. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please call the Lodge at (928) 783–7993.

# Masonic Anniversaries

*When you became a Master Mason*

**JULY**

William Adams  
William Creech  
Phillip Davis

**AUGUST**

Keith Parsels

**\*\*\* ATTENTION \*\*\***

**Deadline for the September/October 2023 Trestleboard  
is  
AUGUST 20TH**

## PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Congratulations to the Lodge for winning the Master Builder Award and the Trestle Board Award for medium Lodges! I love helping the Lodge with the Trestleboard and hope I can continue helping get you all awards! Now you know why I nag so much about articles. LOL!



Now that I am officially Worthy Matron for Yuma Chapter #14, I hope that we can continue to build on the relationship between our Chapter and your Lodge. I have always considered you all family and we need to continue to strengthen that relationship between the two. After all, it's not called a MASONIC FAMILY for nothing!

If there is anything you would like to see in the Trestleboard or have any suggestions, please feel free to let me know! If you see any corrections that need to be addressed, please let me know those as well so they can be corrected. If you attend an event, don't forget to take pictures and submit them, either to me or on the Yuma Lodge Facebook page. Take care and stay safe!

Sincerely,  
Sabrina Arps



# COMMITTEES

## MASTER'S PROGRAMS

### Audit

Michael A. Dale, PM

### Budget

Worshipful Master

### By-Laws

Mike Kofta, PM, DDGL

Benjamin Hinderer, PM

### Cemetery Clean-up

Trustees

### Facilities Maintenance

Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

Timothy Williams, PM, DDGM

### Funeral

Worshipful Master

### Grievance

Michael A. Dale, PM

### Library/Archives

Benjamin Vik

### Masonic Education & Ritual

Mike Kofta, PM, DDGL

Timothy Williams, PM, DDGM

Michael A. Dale, PM

### Masonic Relief

Worshipful Master

### Master's Advisory

Michael A. Dale, PM

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### Wives, Widows, and Orphans

Quaid E. Smith, PM, KYGCH

Brad Hamner

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

### Candidate Instruction

Michael Kofta, PM, DDGL

### Officer Instruction

Michael Kofta, PM, DDGL

## FUNDRAISING

### Chairman – Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

Brad Hamner

### Barbeque

Mikel K. White, PM

### Midnight at the Oasis

Worshipful Master

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

### Bikes for Books

Brad Hamner

### Public Schools

Brad Hamner

### Roadside Clean-up

Ira Hearen, Jr.

## MEMBERSHIP RELATIONS/FRATERNAL SUPPORT

### Birthday Cards

Benjamin Hinderer

### Facebook

Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

### Mason of the Year

SW & JW

### Membership Participation/Retention

Worshipful Master

### Sickness and Distress

Antero Trujillo

### Telephone Calling

Quaid E. Smith, PM, KYGCH

### Trestleboard

Sabrina Arps, Publisher

Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

### Website

Douglas Wayne Arps, Jr. "DJ"

### Wills and Bequests

TBD



# Fraternel Relations

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Master Masons of Arizona:

Job's Daughters in Arizona is very thankful for the monetary gift you gave our Miss Arizona Job's Daughter, Katie Holm, at your recent Grand Lodge Communication. We are so fortunate to receive your extremely generous gift. Please express our profound thanks to Past Grand Master James Baker for his prosperous fundraising efforts.





Job's Daughters is inextricably linked to the Master Masons. We teach our members that our lessons are derived from the teachings of Masonry. At each of our Bethel meetings our Daughters pray for the "Master Masons who give us heritage." We are grateful to you for your continued support of our Organization. We rely on you to provide mentors for our members to learn the great teachings of Masonry and to serve as an example for so many Job's Daughters who do not have fathers in their lives. Thank you for taking the time to visit our Bethels for meetings, installations, and other events. Your presence is valuable to every Job's Daughter.

Again, please accept our sincere thanks for your incredible donation to the Job's Daughters of Arizona.


Fraternally,

Janice Jones

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